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Randy Stein, President
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for Specific Plating Company, Inc.
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Re: CERCLA Section 106 Unilateral Administrative Order 2004-0004
Omega Chemical Superfund Site
Whittier, California

Dear Randy Stein:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") hereby issues the enclosed Unilateral Administrative Order 2004-0004, pursuant to EPA's authority under Section 106 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 9606, to prevent or mitigate the imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, welfare, and environment posed by the Omega Chemical Superfund Site ("Omega Site" or "Site").

The Omega Site is a former refrigerant/solvent recycling operation in Whittier, California. Data from groundwater and soil sampling indicated the presence of hazardous substances including but not limited to Freon 11, Freon 113, Tetrachloroethylene, Trichloroethylene, and chlorinated hydrocarbon compounds in the subsurface soils and groundwater at the Site. The Site was placed on the NPL on January 19, 1999. Each Respondent of this Order is a Potentially Responsible Party ("PRP") at the Omega Site contributing more than ten (10) tons of waste to the Site. Respondents were noticed of their potential liability in 1995.

The attached Unilateral Administrative Order 2004-0004 ("Order") requires each named Respondent to take immediate action to assess the release or potential release of hazardous substances, materials, and/or wastes from the Omega Chemical Site. Specifically, the Order requires you to conduct Remedial Investigation activities at the Omega Site. The data generated under the scope of this Order will support the development of a Site Feasibility Study and the selection of a remedy that will eliminate, reduce, or control risks to human health and the environment. The selected remedy will then be documented in the Record of Decision ("ROD").

Please be advised that pursuant to paragraph 82 of the Order, the Order is effective ten (10) days after it is signed by EPA. Pursuant to paragraph 24, Respondents have ten (10) days after the Effective Date to notify EPA of their intent to comply with the Order. A failure on the part of any Respondent to provide the required Notice to Comply shall be interpreted by EPA as a refusal to comply with the provisions of the Order.

If you have any technical questions regarding this Order, please contact Chris Lichens at (415) 972-3149. For all legal questions, please contact Thanne Cox at (415) 972-3908.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elizabeth" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Adams".

Elizabeth Adams, Chief
Superfund Cleanup Branch

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